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At the beginning of the week prices in New York and Chicago were unchanged and in most other reported areas prices were lower for all sizes. During the week prices were lower in New York and Chicago and unchanged but trending sharply lower in all reported areas. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Both retail and loose egg demand were light to moderate, usually light with some scattered retail features providing extra interest in a limited number of areas. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower throughout the week with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading and demand was generally light to moderate with many breakers content working from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks were well balanced for most operators. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for current processing needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak with discounting noted. Retail demand remained light to moderate, mostly light. Food service movement was slow to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was generally light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in comfortable balance for most operators. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-61	55-57
LARGE	52-60	54-58
MEDIUM	51-57	54-57

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply lower. The market tone was highly unsettled and weak. Demand into all outlets ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available, with the heavier weights in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were limited for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl demand was at least moderate for more than sufficient offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-67
LARGE	57-72	62-66
MEDIUM	56-68	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 25-Apr-03
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	72.50	70.00	61.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	59.00
MIDWEST	63.00	63.00	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	74.00	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	71.54	70.06	59.84

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	04-29-03	04-22-03	04-30-02
Large	37-41	44-48	24-27
Medium	34-38	36-40	19-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 28, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	17.6	9.1	12.5	10.5
	Change	0.1	-1.2	0.3	-0.7	-1.9
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.4	51.5	12.8	17.1	25.0
	Change	0.6	18.1	1.7	2.4	3.2
Large	Curr Wk	33.6	99.6	77.5	76.5	88.8
	Change	1.9	38.8	27.1	20.5	35.8
Medium	Curr Wk	8.0	31.6	14.6	14.7	26.7
	Change	-1.9	1.3	0.9	-0.7	10.0
Small	Curr Wk	1.3	6.2	3.2	6.3	10.9
	Change	-0.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	2.9
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	15.7	7.0	12.5	5.9
	Change	-1.5	-0.9	-0.5	-1.8	0.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.4	46.8	12.8	20.5	28.5
	Change	5.2	8.5	-5.1	5.7	5.8
Total	Curr Wk	92.6	269.0	137.0	160.1	196.3
Percent	Change	4%	33%	23%	20%	40%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	855.0	26%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	222.6	2%	37
Total Shell Egg	1077.6	20%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

Change in cooperator universe had no measurable impact on inventory.

***** No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations. *****

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,140,780	26,695	11,101	6,185	1,939	4,208
PW	1,045,025	25,961	9,449	5,117	1,731	4,122
LY	1,223,244	29,091	11,615	6,217	2,877	4,341
% CHG PW	9	3	17	21	12	2
% CHG LY	-7	-8	-4	-1	-33	-3

2003	18,831,654	455,152	172,167	95,196	38,897	70,161
2002	19,274,858	445,769	191,301	102,648	45,521	69,783
% CHG YTD	-2	2	-10	-7	-15	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.24	42.73	41.91
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.55	38.78	38.36

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	Apr 19	Apr 26	Apr 19	Apr 26
Thousand				
AL	28,250	28,719	21,366	21,554
AR	30,670	30,900	24,054	25,096
DE	4,007	3,634	5,266	5,899
FL	1,602	1,731	1,638	1,634
GA	*31,700	31,795	*24,127	25,622
KY	*6,518	7,142	*5,717	6,203
MD	9,924	9,613	5,945	5,600
MS	*19,037	18,575	*16,572	16,549
NC	19,253	19,275	15,033	14,780
OK	6,513	6,511	4,389	4,424
PA	*3,877	3,713	*2,760	2,736
SC	4,578	4,771	4,088	4,206
TX	15,220	15,012	12,314	12,405
VA	6,692	6,628	5,506	5,986
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,405	21,199	*18,310	19,087
19 State Total	*208,246	209,218	*167,085	171,781

Previous Year Total 211,242 210,178 168,903 172,792

Pct. of Prev. Year 99 100 99 99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Jun-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 147.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.74 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/24/03-04/30/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	MW				
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	41.00	45.00	42.25	43.20	38.60	41.25	16.00
GNR BR 1	—	69.00	—	—	—	56.00	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.21	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	57.00	54.40	54.88	46.62	—	46.25
GL W LG	51.00	53.36	50.58	52.03	45.19	47.75	46.50
GL W MD	—	51.50	48.40	53.25	41.11	—	18.00
GL W SM	30.00	31.75	29.00	31.00	28.00	29.50	2.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	37.00	38.00	34.00	37.22	38.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-May-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.8	31.2	-43	-12
BOSTON	3.6	4.6	-22	3
CHICAGO	37.2	80.1	-54	-12
DETROIT	23.7	51.1	-54	-5
KANSAS CITY	3.2	6.7	-52	10
LOS ANGELES	75.0	120.7	-38	-11
NEW ORLEANS	10.9	16.0	-32	4
NEW YORK	29.3	35.5	-17	-9
ST. LOUIS	15.9	20.6	-23	-17
SAN FRANCISCO	20.1	24.9	-19	-7
TOTAL	236.7	391.4	-40	-9
4 WK MVG AVG	318.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
AVG WT	15.76	37.18	24.04	28.19	28.79
LAST WEEK	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
SAME WK YR AGO	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.08	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	29,085	45,225	976	253	75,539
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	895	23	22.38	(A)	896	22.38
SATL	756	6	30.03	(A)	757	30.03
N CENT	2,383	2	33.25	(A)	2,383	33.25
S CENT	426	34	22.56	(A)	426	22.56
WEST	382	-4	20.49	(A)	382	20.49
U.S. TOTAL	4,842(B)	8	28.79	2	4,844	28.79

TO-DATE

2003 75,286(B) 253 75,539

TO-DATE

2002 75,014(B) 124 75,138

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000 for the year 976,000; last year to date 730,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,380	1,880	1,242	3,122	428
AVG WT	5.16	3.43	7.94	5.22	6.64
LAST WEEK	144,469	1,751	1,235	2,986	410
SAME WK YR AGO	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316	513
AVG WT	5.01	3.36	7.85	5.21	6.81
TO-DATE/2003	2,540,928	28,770	22,487	51,257	7,081
TO-DATE/2002	2,603,211	31,087	22,133	53,220	7,513

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.2 million head or 1 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-May-03

	Current Week 05/03/03(1)	Previous Week 04/26/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	161,198(2)	156,172
LT HENS	2,011	2,050
HVY HENS	1,251	1,285
CHECK TOTAL	164,460	159,507

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-May-03 is 158.3 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.5 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 10-May-03 the estimated available is 159.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH 22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL 5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	2571.8	2609.2	99%	
MAY 3		158.3		
10		159.2		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 04/28/03-05/02/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.09	41	52.62
Los Angeles	69.00	67.59	58	63.27
New York	50.00-53.00	52.36	22	55.10

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
28-Apr-03	21-Apr-03	21-Apr-03	29-Apr-02	
58.10	0.49	57.61	53.84	
NUMBER OF LOADS	581			

MONTHLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
APRIL	57.78	2479.40

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04/28/03	2,787	189,739	61,729
AM 04/01/03	2,722	189,905	61,778
CHG	65	-166	-49
PCT CHG	2%	0%	0%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 28-Apr-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.03
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.51

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 25-Apr-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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Eastern

Removal Cost	0-8	5-7
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So. Central

Removal Cost	Too Few To Report
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No. Central

Removal Cost	0-8.5	3.5-6.5
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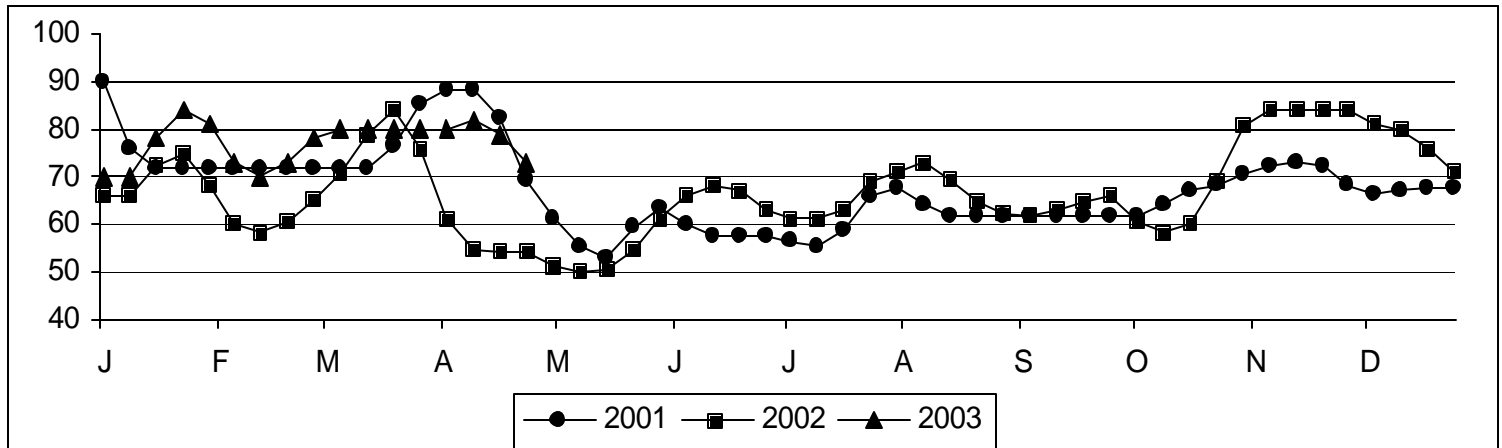
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W/E 26-Apr-03

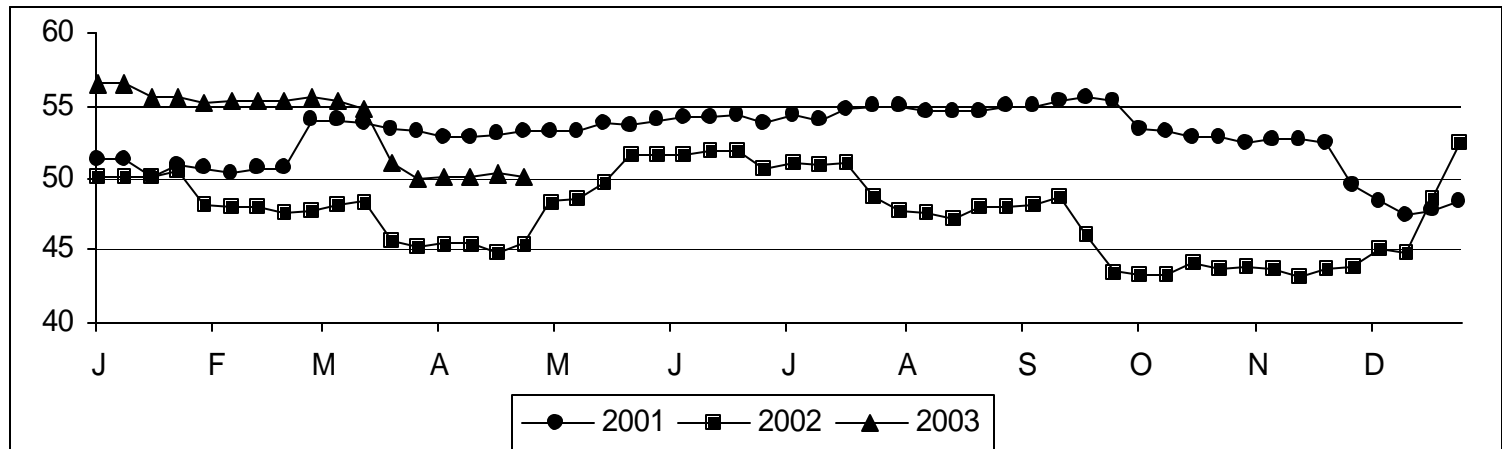
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.8	-4	0
E.N. CENTRAL	504.8	-19	13
W.N. CENTRAL	263.0	-19	9
S. ATLANTIC	175.3	-9	16
S. CENTRAL	92.0	-11	15
WEST	185.8	-16	4
TOTAL	1441.7	-15	10
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

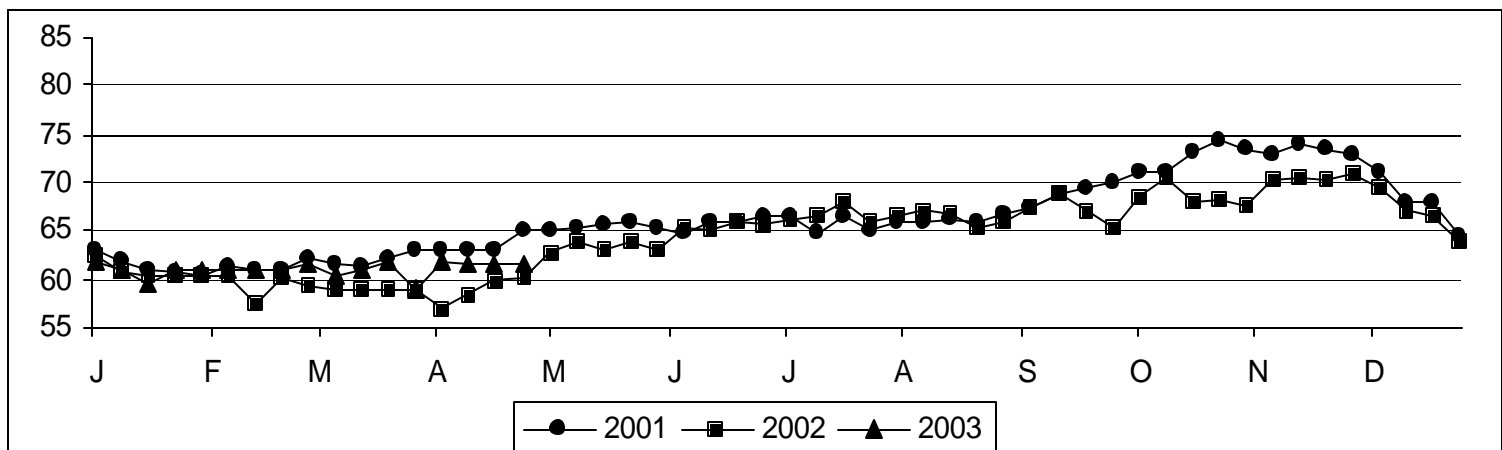
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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